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THE DEPOSIT

Of the Ten Commandments, three were dedicated to righteousness to God and seven with justice for neighbor. With our gaze turned inward for self-analysis, we are constantly weighing our personal needs on one side of the scale against our obligations to fill our neighbors' needs on the other.

We wonder just how much giving is enough. The question is: "Not how little can I give or how much is the most I can give." The question should be: "How much dare I keep and live in His image as His child?"

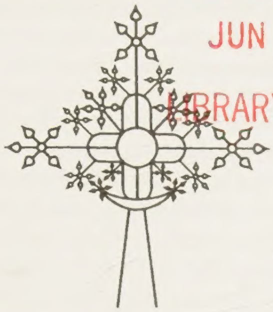
A very wealthy old man attended his church services regularly but seemed to be somewhat left out of the fellowship of the parish. After services one Pentecost, he felt a feeling of loneliness. Why, he wondered. So he visited the priest and asked: "Why is it that the people don't respect me, their attitude is so cold? All of them know that I am a very wealthy man and I have bequeathed much to the church in my will."

His priest thought for a while and then answered: "I think that the story of the cow and the pig may give you the answer. One afternoon after being fed, a pig and a cow held a conversation. The pig asked the cow: 'Why is it that so many people shun me? Don't they realize that when I die I will give them so much? There's pork and ham, bacon and pig knuckles, bristles and hide, and so much more.' The cow thought for a moment, then answered: 'They respect me more than you because I give while I'm living – you give only after you die'."

Today's way of life prompts many to believe that they deserve a good life while they are living no matter what they do. Their peculiar beatitude is: "Blessed is the man who looks after himself first." When a person does not believe in the next life, then he'd better "live it up" in this one because this is all there is.

On the other hand, those who believe that this life is but a preparation for the

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This is number 5 of the series on wrought-iron crosses which were to be found on the Eastern Christian churches in the Lemko/Austro-Hungarian/Galician area. Many of these churches were destroyed and the crosses desecrated. It is to be noted that although a church had several domes with each topped by a cross, they were all different. This series is being presented so that we could appreciate the artistic beauty and mourn their destruction.

FATHER'S DAY

St. Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians (1 Thess 2:11, 12) wrote: "You know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, that you would have a walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory."

In this verse we read that one thing a good father does is to comfort his child. We often think of comfort as the care we receive when we're hurt or feeling sad. But, generally, it means making someone comfortable by meeting that person's basic needs. Fathers make their children comfortable by providing them with shelter, food, clothing, transportation, medical and dental treatment. And when they can, most fathers give more than just the bare necessities of life.

In addition to providing the basic needs of life, fathers also comfort their children with loving support and protection. And although a child may not realize it, a father's rules are "comforts" also. They are not made just to keep a child from having

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PENTECOST

On the forty days between His Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus appeared many times to His Apostles and other people. He was seen by Mary Magdalen (Mk 16:9); other women (Mt 28:9); Peter (1 Co 15:5); two disciples (Lu 24:15-31); ten apostles (Jn 20:19,24); eleven apostles (Jn 20:26-28); 7 disciples fishing (Jn 21:1-24); eleven apostles (Mt 28:16,17); five hundred people (1 Co 15:6): James (1 Co 15:7); eleven apostles (Acts 1:2-9); Saul (Paul) (Act 9:1-5, 1 Co 15:8).

These meetings with Jesus after His Resurrection must have been very moving and powerful experiences, especially for the disciples. After all, they knew Him to be dead; but now He was alive again in their midst, in a new and glorious way.

Their belief in Jesus' Resurrection made them open to the coming of the Holy Spirit:

"When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:1-4)

So filled were they with the life-spirit of God, that they could not resist going out and telling others about it.

"They began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Through the energetic witness of the earliest disciples others were attracted to believe in Jesus. This is the way the Church got its start.

"Then they that gladly received His word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41)

May we who also have been filled with the Holy Spirit, be Your faithful followers. Like the early disciples, may we accept our mission to be Your witnesses wherever we are through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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THE LITURGICAL MUSIC Summer School will be in session from 5-8 July at Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordenville, NY. For info, contact: Fr. Andre Papkov, 54 Fourth St, Ilion, NY 13357 or call 315-894-6274.

ALL VETERANS should enroll at a VA Hospital before October even if they are not in need of medical care at this time. If you are not enrolled, you will not be eligible to receive care after October. The rule has changed. Contact the VA counselor as listed in the blue pages of your telephone directory.

PARISHIONERS, bring fido to church services at the Episcopal Church of The Holy Trinity on Manhattan's Upper East Side. As long as the dogs behave, they are welcome to sit side-by-side with their owner and even walk to the altar together for communion.

THE RUSSIAN POMPEI is located near Sevastopol in Chersonesos in the Crimea. Greeks, Romans, Byzantines all lived here. Every great epoch built its way of life on this soil. There are forts, mints and farmhouses. The area is now being dug by Dr. Joseph Carter of the University of Texas. This is the area discussed in Tennyson's poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade." The oldest artifact uncovered has been the 6th century before Christ.

THREE 55-MINUTE VIDEOS are now available from Universe Productions, Inc., 151 Bayview Drive, Point Roberts, WA 98281. These breathtaking videos will be enjoyed by someone who has visited the area or is interested in the sights. Titles available are The "Carpathian Journey", "Ukrainian Journey", and "Golden Kiev." Each video is 55 minutes long. Each tape is $27.95. Add $3 for shipping and handling for each video ordered.

SEPARATE UNITS in the Russian armed forces are provided for seminary students and children of priests.

AN ATTEMPT TO PRESERVE, not necessarily restore, country churches in Russia is being made by the Congress of Russian Americans, which has a 10-minute video in Russian, describing its work. Send $10 for video to CRA, PO Box 818, Nyack, NY 10960-0818 or call 914-358-7117 for more info.

THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM on English Translations of Byzantine Liturgical Texts will be held 17-20 June at St. Basil's College, 195 Glenbrook Rd., Stamford, CT. There will be both Orthodox and Eastern Catholic presenters. For more info call 613-236-1393, ext. 2648.

MUCH MEDIA COVERAGE has been given to the possibility that the Orthodox and Western Churches will celebrate Easter together on the same date every year. The Easters naturally fall together in 2001 on April 15. For some reason, it is being proposed that every Easter will be not only together but will fall on the same Sunday each year. (For example, the 2nd Sunday of April.)

POPE PAUL II has reminded priests that confession or the sacrament of penance must not be equated with psychoanalysis or psychotherapy.

VIDEOS OF SERVICES IN RUSSIA, audios and books are available from the 1998 catalog of Firebird, PO Box 303, Belleville, MI 48112-0303.

WOMEN IN GREECE are challenging Mt. Athos' centuries-old refusal to allow anything female onto the mountain. The matter was brought to the attention when the European Union ministers were asked to sign a statement safeguarding the unique status of Mt. Athos. The European Union had assured the monks that they would provide funds for the restoration of the crumbling buildings.

IN THE WORLD, Orthodox population includes 9 patriarchates and 15 self-governing or autocephalous churches, varying in size from 50-100 million in Russia to Mount Sinai, which has just 900 adherents.

THE PARISH IN DESLOGE, MO will celebrate its 90th anniversary in September. The people came here to work in the lead mines. When these went out of business, they went either to Buckner, IL, which is across the river or to Chicago.

INDIVIDUAL HISTORY of any village in Slovakia, along with a detailed map of the area, is available for $6 from Ray Plutlo, 6862 Palmer Court, Chino, CA 92720-7343.

ALL COTTON T-SHIRTS imprinted with Proud To Be Carpatho-Russian in size M, L, XL at $11 plus $2 postage; size XXL at $12 plus $2. Five or more shirts at 10% off. Order from C. Sabak, 1489 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554 or call 1-800-296-2202 for more info.

FR. AHAPI HONCHARENKO was one of the first Orthodox priests to serve in the U.S. He came in 1865 and settled in San Francisco. He was also the founding priest of the pan-Orthodox parish in New Orleans. He published a Russian-American phrase book and the "Alaska Herald" from 1868-1873. He divided his Cyrillic typeset between the Smithsonian Institution and the Bancroft Library at the University of California in Berkeley. He developed the "Ucraina" ranch, and lived there from 1873 until he died in 1917. This area located in Hayward, CA, about 30 miles southeast of San Francisco, has now been added to the California Historical Landmark list. The buildings no longer stand. Only the graves of Fr. and Matushka Albina and the natural grotto, where he conducted services, remain at the site.

THE FEDERAL SECURITY OF MOSCOW returned over 2000 religious items in the past 5 years to the Moscow Patriarchate. They had been stolen from Orthodox churches and later confiscated from the thieves. Some of the ikons were painted during the time of Catherine II.

AMONG THE GRAMMY winners in February for Choral Performance was "Adams: Harmonium of Rachmaninoff's The Bells" Robert Shaw.

•The Deposit

next, fully realize that they can enjoy both better. "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." Such a beatitude shall be the return for our deposits made. No deposits - no return.

•Father's Day

fun, but to protect them from dangers which a child does not realize are there. When these rules are broken, even the discipline which follows is part of the "comfort" a father gives.

We all have had fathers who disciplined us; and as we read in Hebrews 12:9, we respected them for it.

To sum it up, a father wrote: "Despite our inadequacies, we fathers serve a crucial purpose by being there to say the unexpected, unexceptional, but necessary thing. What exactly we have to say will often be forgotten; that we are there to say it will never be."

OBSERVATIONS ON CARPATHIAN HERITAGE TOURS

The area north of the Carpathian Mountains was the home of the Rus people for many centuries. Which makes it seem even more unfair that they were either forcibly removed from their lands several times or found the living so difficult that they left to "seek their fortunes" in North America and some South American countries. However, even here they found life difficult and discrimination was so pervasive that they were numb to it.

Many of them came to America and were given work in the mines – coal or lead. It is recorded that over 100,000 young men were killed in the mines more than in Korea and Vietnam combined.

Many of us know of the mines in Northeast and Southwest Pennsylvania but how about southern Illinois?

In 1912 Orthodox from the Carpathians flooded into Buckner, Illinois. They made up 70% of the inhabitants. It was estimated that there were between 1,000 and 1,500 souls. The official count was 625.

Life was difficult, the men worked 10 hours a day, six days a week – they went to work in the dark, worked in the dark bowels of the earth for ten hours, and walked home in the dark. They lived in company houses and shopped at company stores. They were paid with scrip so they could not shop anywhere else. Prices were not fair and this led many of them to go into debt to feed their large families (usually 6-12 children). They were beholden to the management.

When a miner was hurt or killed on the job, the horns blew, and he was brought home, dumped on the porch for the wife to deal with the situation. At one time, a mine disaster killed eighteen Orthodox men – they were buried together on the parish cemetery.

A picture taken on 4 April 1931 shows Fr. Lazor Kirichenko with 67 children under 8 years of age who had made their first confession. The parish was active with many organizations and even a brass marching band.

A few years later this was drastically changed with the depression in 1934. Most of the mines were closed and most of the Orthodox left Buckner, many of them resettling in Chicago. Today there are fewer than 30 Orthodox left in Buckner.

There were other settlements of Orthodox from the Carpathians within a few miles of each other. The church in Dowell has been demolished, the one in Muddy is rotting away; however, the church in Royalton is functioning and has religious education classes for anyone in the vicinity.

Certainly those who emigrated to this country from the Carpathian area found life difficult, but we must pray for God to have mercy on their souls as by taking the challenge they made life better for their children who would have continued suffering in their native land.

JESUS IS ALIVE!

Speaking of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when He called His disciples to follow Him, today's Gospel (Matthew 4:18-23) is followed by the statement: "Great crowds followed Him." That is the way it was. From the very beginning of His mission Jesus was famous and much in demand. People thronged to see and hear Him.

Today the sentiment seems to be that the time for following Jesus is past. We are living in a "post-Christian" era, they say, and Christianity, particularly in its organized, institutional form, has lost its authority.

Yet the thirst for spirituality continues! Polls say that the number of people who claim to have personally experienced a "divine Presence" has not diminished in our days. In fact it may be greater than ever before.

This interest in spirituality and its related field, morality, can easily be seen in the films and music that is popular these days, or even by reading the newspapers. Spirituality - religion too - are much in vogue. The interest is definitely there. It is a matter of tapping it to share the Good News about Jesus, the Gospel, which offers authentic spirituality and true morality. We who have decided - and continue to decide - to follow Jesus have a job to do.

We must not permit a sense of defeatism to get in the way of our calling to share the Gospel with the world. **Everybody** wants a religion, however they may put it. Very often they would prefer to create and follow their own unique brand, which has all sorts of elements in it. Orthodox Christians have a viable faith which satisfies and uplifts. It has thrived for millennia. It is not an **individualistic** faith. Its universality, which includes all sorts of diversity on the part of the many peoples and cultures in which it lives, makes it trustworthy. We do not have to make it up as we go.

Today we celebrate the memory of the multitude of Saints that Orthodoxy has raised up throughout the nearly two millennia that the Gospel has been proclaimed in the land of our ancestors. In this way, too, we celebrate and proclaim the fact that Jesus is **alive.** His truth continues. It is truth indeed. It is embodied in the people who follow Him.

We, too, must confront and transcend our fears and indecision and take up the challenge of living this truth of the Gospel which we offer the world. We need to work at finding the words, the language and the means to communicate Jesus' message to our times.

As we take up this challenge, let us remember that we are not engaged in a hopeless task which is doomed to fail, just because it seems to us that the number of people coming to Church is declining. Jesus **is alive.** His words are powerful. They give life. Let us set aside all tired, defeated attitudes and live and give the Love that shines from the heart of the Church of which we are privileged to be members.

Archpriest Ihor Kutash

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Light Moment

Careful grooming may take twenty years off your age, but it won't fool a long flight of stairs.

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The one thing that is worse than a quitter is the man who is afraid to begin.

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES

June 7 - Wisdom

O Jesus, Teacher of Wisdom and Instructor of the ignorant, enlighten us with Your precepts. Teach us to know You and serve You all the days of our lives. Guide us with the life-giving words of Your Holy Gospel. May we recognize You as our Lord and Savior as did the apostles and all those gathered together on that Great Day of Pentecost. Let the power of Your Holy Spirit dwell in each of us today as it did in the Upper Room. Grant us the gift of discernment in all things. As we bend our knees in thanksgiving for the gift of the Father, renew in us an upright spirit. Create in us clean hearts, so that we may be empowered to bring the Good News to all creation. You created all things, O God; do not forsake us even though our sins are many.

June 14 - Understanding

O Lord, You granted to us, Your unworthy servants a peace that surpasses all understanding. Through that peace, we have come to know You and love You more deeply and intimately. Although we rely too many times on our own earthly knowledge and experience, You have not destroyed us but have loved us more than we have ourselves. Help us to know Your will and fulfill it in our lives. Show us how to be true examples of Christian behavior for all we shall meet today. May the words of the Holy Spirit become alive for us even more as we partake of the sacred Mysteries of Your Body and Blood. Through the prayers of all the saints, let Your good Spirit guide us along the path of our earthly pilgrimage, O Savior, and have mercy on us.

June 21 - Counsel

We are comforted with Your presence, O Lord of Life, because You promised to remain with us until the end of time. You instructed Your apostles to love one another, now help us to do the same taking the healing message of the Good News into all the world. May we also show that love to others by talking with them of the great mercy poured forth for all mankind on the Cross. Speak to our restless souls words of compassion and love. Do not forsake those who have placed their hope in You. Let Your Holy Spirit come and abide in us and cleanse us from all impurity. Great is Your love for us, O Lord, look upon the petitions of Your servants who pray to You and have mercy on us.

June 28 - Fortitude

O Lord, You patiently endured the Cross for the sake of our salvation, and have granted to us the means to withstand any temptation that may come to us this day. Give us the courage of the martyrs, the steadfastness of the prophets, and the faithfulness of the saints. May our faith be strengthened as we ponder all the good things that You have done in our lives. Even in the face of adversity, Your Hand can be seen and celebrated. Stand by us when our strength fails. Walk with us when we are fatigued. Carry us when we do not know where to turn. Let the prayers of the Church, both on heaven and earth, fill us with the hope and joy that comes from knowing You, O true and only God. O Fountain of Blessings, hear us when we pray to You, and have mercy on us.

Raymond Mastroberte

FLAG DAY

Flag Day is on June 14. On this day many flags are seen displayed on homes and other buildings. We all know that when the flag is passed in parade, being hoisted or lowered, all present face it, stand at attention. Both men and women, not in uniform, place their right hands over their hearts.

We often find flags in our churches. What is the protocol? No flag or pennant can be flown above or to the right of the U.S. flag at the same level, except a church pennant during services at sea.

When flown from a staff in a church, the flag should be placed on the celebrant's right. If not on a platform, it should be on the right of the viewers as they see the platform or raised area.

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Light Moment

TV allows you to see the end of the movies you walked out on ten years ago.

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Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

Dabs of Thoughts

By His Resurrection and Ascension, Our Lord was free to live in the lives of His disciples everywhere and to impart His Grace, not only to individuals but also through relationships to the family and the parish, thus making visible the Kingdom of God. He has given us the privilege of being His Body; militantly representing Him on earth; expectantly serving Him forever in Heaven.

Let us with our loved ones enjoy the triumphant message of Easter and continually renew our lives in Christ through the reception of His grace offered to all of us for which we pray at the Vespers Service on Pentecost.

The concept of the family is being lost in the church. Once the question asked was: "How many families do you have?" Now the question is: "How many people do you have?"

For some reason, the future seems to get here quicker than it used to.

At one time every home had two books, a Bible and a seed catalogue - one telling the miracles of God, and the other proving them.

Anybody can walk a narrow plank suspended two inches above the ground; but hardly anybody could do the same on a plank suspended between two precipices; thus it is "imagination" rather than "fact" that controls and influences most of the critical issues in our lives.

Those who keep their eyes so fixed on heaven that they never look at their earth will stumble into hell. But they who fix their eyes on earth and never look into heaven are already there.

Have you wondered why it was necessary to have 12 apostles? Why the eleven were so eager to add one to their group after Judas was no longer an apostle? And then why were 70 more apostles chosen? It was not accidental that Jesus chose precisely 12 apostles. He saw in them founding fathers of the New Covenant just as ancient Israel traced its genealogy from 12 patriarchs. Christ speaks in Matt 19:28 of thrones on which His 12 apostles will sit "to judge." The 70 were chosen because according to tradition, all people of the earth were considered to have risen from 70 forebearers. In Luke 10:1, during the feast of Tabernacles (See Midpentecost in the May issue) 70 sacrifices were made in the temple according to the number of the peoples of the world.



EDITORS' NOTES

We hear some unusual noises when we walk out of our front door in June. When it rains, the water cascades down the leaves on the trees and bushes and sounds like the waves breaking on the beach in the ocean. And we live hundreds of miles from the sea!

There was an unexpected demand for the Easter covers. They were all sold very quickly. I have ordered more from Europe and as soon as the women in the village can make them, I will make a note in the Herald that they are again available. They truly are heirlooms. One of the purchasers is framing several for display.

The same is true of the sets of cassettes featuring Slavonic Orthodox church music. The set of 27 (54 1/2 hour programs) sells for $130, no other charges. Because of the request for the sets, they are again available.

We have been taking turns being ill this past winter. The prayers of others has sustained us. Why does prayer help? First of all, asking our fellow Christians on earth to pray for us cultivates humility and reveals our need for one another. It reminds us that we are not alone in our spiritual struggles. Moreover, since the fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16), we reap the benefit of their prayers for us being answered. Finally, it prepares us for dealing with death itself. Asking for their prayers reminds us constantly of that world for which we live. And when our loved ones in Christ die, we receive comfort that in some mystical way we are not completely cut off from them.

Christians from the very beginning of the Church had this understanding of our connectedness with those Christians who depart this life. We even find second century inscriptions on the tombs of holy martyrs, such as "O Holy __________ pray unto God for us."

What a comfort when the halo of prayers surrounds us!

The Stroyens

Dorohaya Tyotya Mareeya,

Yak tam kolo vas? Toot shitko horosho. Nash health barz good. Yak vashee nohee? Yah hoping oni OK.

Last week yah mala takee different experience. Me next door neighbor asked me to go to a flea market. Yah say to her zhe yah will call her back in hour. Yah biding for time boh yab neh znam shto flea market ee yah neh hotchoo me next door neighbor take me for durachku. Yah thinking in fruit market-kupeem fruit, nah fish market-kupeem fish, a nah flea market-kupeem shto yakee bugsee? Yah called me neighbor nazat ee kazhu yeh zhe yah neh dumam zhe yah need what they sell nah flea market. Ohna begged me come on anyway. Yah taka barz curious by this time anyway toh yah say OK.

Kolee me tam preeshlee yah taka excited yah didn't know where natcheenatee. Toh yak nash yarmarok u starom krayu. Tam shitko prodayut, selling - vegetables, ee fruitee, ee shatya novee ee staree, ee knishkee, ee shusee, ee sneakeree, ee recordee. Yah brala holovuy u rukee boh yah neh znam where natcheenatee. Yah walking awhile with next door neighbor then yah kazhu yeh zhe better we go alone ee meet at certain time. Ohna kazhe me OK but don't pay full price for anything. Yah toh znam. Yah lubyou bargainovatee. Yah number one nah toh. Just watch me go yah dumam.

Yah walking around kolee yah spotted a samovar. Yah talking to myself - watch it Hanya, don't act too interested. Rule number one of nash yarmoruk training. Yah trying too act barz cool, noh me heart beating tak fast. Yah asked prodasha - (seller) What's that old broken down thing? Ohn me answered - yah neh znam lady, odna stara friend gave it to my wife. Yah dumam zhe toh foot warmer ot China, but we use it for a vase. Me expression doesn't change, noh yah dumam shta, tee takee durnee. Noh yah kazhu yehmu - vase - gotta have a pretty big room to use takee big vase. Not too many houses around here with such a thing. Yah walked away yak yah neh too interested. Then yah come back ee kazhu how much, yah mam friend mozhe used this thing. Ohn kazhee - there's a lot of scroll work and it's pretty heavy. I want $75. Yah kazhu - too much, maybe yah neh speak good poh English, noh yah neh dummy. Yah make him takee shame. Toh rule number 2 ot yarmoraka training. Ohn kazhe what you give me. We bargaining, ee finally yah dostala za $50. Yah taka excited zhe yah dumam zhe yah pooknu. Yah zabrala samovar. Next day yah take samovar doh metal polishing man. Ohn kazhee if yah want to sell it I have someone who is looking for takee samovar. Ohn giving me $300. Noh samovar - toh samovar. Yah znam zhe ohn staree, bez electrickee - toh antique. Toh yah answered yah no sell. Ohn went up in price, noh yah still no sell.

Hooked on fleas.
Budtay zdrovee
Hanya

WINTER'S GRACE

We all have the frightful power to shut God out of our lives, sometimes through anger, pride or sloth. But God is always waiting for us. God's love may sometimes seem to have dried up, but if our hearts are closed, the problem is with us and not with God. If we choose to be aloof from Him, we will grow deaf to His presence.

God never imposes Himself upon us; He waits until we are ready. Even when we feel out of tune with Him, even when He seems far away, God's invitation to love pounds in our hearts.

Lord, may we never become so dull that we miss the sound of Your voice.

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When father was first ordained (1946), he was assigned to four small parishes in Ohio and one in West Virginia. Some of his parish members were from the Boyko, Hutsul and Bukovina areas of the Carpathians. The food they served at weddings and baptisms was delicious and different. One of the dishes I looked forward to was Nachynka or dressing served as a side dish to the meat, much like Yorkshire pudding or a spoon bread. Big roaster pans are baked for most weddings and parish dinners. Is this a recipe you have been looking for?

NACHYNKA (STUFFING)

1 small onion, chopped fine
3 Tbls. butter
1 cup cornmeal
1 teas. salt
1 teas. sugar
1/2 teas. pepper
1/4 teas. poultry seasoning
3 1/2 cups scalded milk
1/2 cup light cream
3 eggs, well beaten

Saute onion in butter until limp, not brown. Add the cornmeal. Add salt, sugar, pepper, and poultry seasoning and mix with cornmeal to coat the cereal thoroughly. Pour in the scalded milk gradually and stir briskly until the mixture is smooth and free of lumps. Cook until it thickens. Remove from heat and blend in the cream. Beat the eggs well and fold into the mixture. Spoon into a 2 qt. buttered casserole. Bake uncovered in 350° oven for 1 hour. It should have a crisp, golden brown crust all around.

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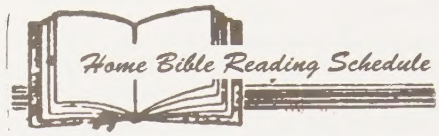
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BIBLE STUDY

"For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20. What kind of righteousness did the scribes and Pharisees have? What is it that we are to surpass? The righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees was based upon the Law. The Law had been given to them by God as a guide. At the time of Jesus, scribes and Pharisees had come to see the Law as static, unchangeable; it could not be "bent" even to reach out in compassion to people. The Law became more important than people. We see this in many places in the New Testament, when Jesus is taken to task for healing on the Sabbath, etc.

Matthew's Gospel shows Jesus' harsh condemnation of the scribes and Pharisees for noncompassion. Jesus did not condemn the Law itself. He condemned their interpretation of the Law. He condemned their ability to live with integrity within the Law.

In today's verse, Jesus is preparing us for what is to follow in the Sermon He is giving. He is going to show how the Christian's righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees (that is, the righteousness both taught and practiced by them), because His view of God's Law, the Law, is so much deeper and spiritual than theirs. It might well disturb us to read that much greater righteousness is demanded of us as Christians, except for the fact that we know that He who has in this Sermon deepens and broadens our view of the Law also gives us the strength and grace to do it.

The scribes and the Pharisees aimed to satisfy the Law of God. We as Christians should aim to show our gratitude for the love of God; and to the claims of love. There is no limit in time or in compassion.

IN THE FAITH

Recently, I was asked about the custom of eating something in Church immediately after a Panikhida. A question arose as to what was eaten and how this originated. The question reminded me of how rich are our Orthodox traditions; so rich that we continue to discover, rediscover and renew them.

I remembered this practice, related to memorial services, from growing up in Holy Transfiguration Church in New Haven, CT. Much later I experienced it at St. Tikhon's Monastery, where I attended seminary, and even recently at my own parish, All Saints Orthodox Church in Hartford, CT.

The food is kollyva, from the Greek word for boiled wheat, according to the Dictionary of Greek Orthodoxy. It is sometimes mixed with pomegranate seeds. It is usually topped with sugar; sometimes with raisins, and has a cross on top. Sometimes the initials of the names of the persons being remembered are "inscribed" on the sides.

It is thought that the custom is derived from the time of Julian the Apostate, the emperor who in the fourth century declared that he would rid the world of the name of Jesus Christ. One of his targets were the foods associated with Great Lent in Constantinople. He banned the sale of foods eaten on Great Monday. To counteract this with wheat in plentiful supply, the Church blessed the use of boiled wheat as a substitute for the banned items. The food became associated with saints and then with persons' belief in the resurrection of the dead as it was seen as that grain dying to bear fruit as we read in the Bible. The bubbling up of the wheat in cooking is further seen as symbolic of Christ's rising from the dead.

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Light Moment

Talk about endangered species – how about the teen-agers who used to do yard work and baby-sitting?